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DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2024

Present: Cllr. Meads (Chair), Cllr. Dickin (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Green, Cllr. Stansfield, and Cllr. Trevarthen.

24-04/01 Apologies: Cllr. Spencer, Cornwall Cllr Cruse

Also Present: Carolyn May (RFO), Maria Roper (Clerk) and 6 members of the Public.

24-04/02 Declarations of Interest: None

The meeting commenced at 7:45 pm. Cllr. Meads (Chair) welcomed all to the meeting and informed the attendees that due to the delayed start of the meeting, some items may be deferred.

24-04/03 Public Forum

A resident objected to the proposed new dwelling under the planning application [PA22/06256](#) on the grounds of non-compliance with the NDP, its size - with the frontage larger than the combined 2 or 3 neighbouring houses. He continued to say that there is an issue of overshadowing caused by the proposed quick growing hedge. He felt that a new build should be integrated into its surroundings.

Another resident voiced his objection to [PA22/06256](#) on the grounds of overlooking the neighbouring properties and potential flooding issues, especially if the ground is laid with a hard surface.

One more resident concurred with the above comments in relation to the planning application [PA22/06256](#) adding that new homes should avoid overlooking. The proposed dwelling will sit in an elevated position approximately 12 meters away, with 3 large clear glazed windows on the frontage. It is an invasion of privacy.

Another resident living in the lowest of the 3 affected houses echoed previous concerns about overlooking, light pollution and potential sewage issues.

A written representation objecting to the planning application [PA22/06256](#) was read by the Chair. The representation covered concerns of design, overlooking, position within the site, loss of mature conifer, phosphate neutrality, drainage, level of disruption and non-conformity to Cornwall Local Plan

24-04/08 Planning applications and pre-applications

The planning session was brought forward for the benefit of the public.

[PA22/06256](#) -Land West Of Little Place Blisland Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4JF
Erection of a single detached dwelling

The Chair thanked the public for their participation confirming that the comments were noted.

Cllr Stansfield added that a site visit was carried out by the Parish Council and it was felt that there could be an alternative, more amenable design solution in terms of the building orientation which would significantly mitigate the issue of overlooking. However, the Council needs to consider the existing proposal.

On that basis, the Council felt that the proposed scheme was not acceptable due to its design, orientation and impact on the neighbouring properties.

Cllr Stansfield proposed that the Council does not support it. **Seconded by Cllr Trevarthen and RESOLVED.** Unanimous. Carried.

[PA24/01576](#) & [PA24/01577](#) (*Listed Building Consent*)

Denham House Tregenna Road Blisland Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4JD
Listed Building Partial dismantling and re-building of chimney stack on north gable end of building.

The applicant updated the Council that the application was discussed with a conservation officer who requested plans and drawings with an indication of the proposed demolition line. This, unfortunately, can only be established by partly demolishing the chimney.

Cllr Stansfield proposed to support the application subject to an agreement with the conservation officer. **Seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED.** Unanimous. Carried

[PA24/00276/PREAPP](#)

Riverside Waterloo Hill Waterloo Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4JX
Pre-application advice to replace the current dwelling, which could be considered unfit for purpose, with a replacement 2 (No.) bedroom dwelling in the same location on site.

The preapplication was noted. No comment is necessary at this stage.

[PA23/03215](#) APPEAL

Penhallow Fourwinds Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4HJ
Change of use to agricultural land to residential to enlarge domestic curtilage and to construct two summerhouses within the extended grounds of Penhallow.

The Council carried out the site visit and agreed not to submit any further comment in addition to the previously logged resolution.

[PA20/10648](#)

Moss Farm Blisland Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4LF
Retrospective planning for an agricultural shed.

The decision date is unknown.

24-04/09 Planning decisions

A list of the planning decisions since last meeting was circulated with the agenda and noted by the Council.

24-04/10 Other planning matters

None

24-04/05 Matters arising from previous meetings

Water Run-off at Trewardale

Cllr Stansfield informed the Council that contrary to what was said at the March meeting, the responsibility for dealing with the damage to the Heritage Assets lies with Cornwall Council's Enforcement Officer not with the Historic Estate Planning Officers; It was agreed to hold off further action at present until precise liability for the damage has been better established. Nothing about the granite way marker. It was reported to the highways.

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Confidential Discussion

A letter was drafted by the Locum Clerk under confidential matters. The Councillors felt the tone of the letter may be a bit strong, but the issues need addressing. The Council agreed that the letter needed to be sent.

24-04/04 Approval of minutes

Members considered the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting of Blisland Parish Council, held on the 21st of March 2024. It was **proposed** by **Cllr Meads**, **seconded** by **Cllr Stansfield** and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st of March 2024 would be accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the said meeting. Unanimous. Carried

24-04/06 Highways and footpaths

a) Grit Boxes - update

The grit boxes - 1 medium , 1 small are to be ordered by the RFO

b) Water run-off and drainage by Trewardale – update

The owner is very close to taking legal action against Cornwall Council for the damage to the heritage site. Cornwall Cllr Cruse said Trewardale will be on the priority list for extra money.

c) Mrs Lobb is kept up to date by Cllr Meads in respect of the gate at Waterloo

24-04/07

Cornwall councillor's report

Cornwall Cllr Cruse submitted a written report which was read and noted by the Council.

24-04/11

Finance

- a) Bank reconciliation as of the 29th March 2024
The RFO reported that the end of the month balance was £16,966.10 end of the month. Since then, the first tranche of the precept was received, and the current balance is £33,716.1
- b) Payment Schedule March 2024
A schedule of payments for the total amount of **£2,469.26** and the accompanied invoices were circulated by the Clerk and approved by the Council.
- c) RFO Update
The RFO informed the Council that AGAR documents will be prepared for the next month's meeting. She further advised the Council that the new Clerk is struggling to work on MAC Book and would need an IBM laptop. **Cllr Stansfield proposed** to allocate a budget of £600 towards the purchase of a new laptop. **Seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED.** Unanimous. Carried.

Cllr Meads noted that there is no income report from either the institute or the toilet. This would need to be investigated. The Clerk to contact the toilet operator.

The RFO continued to say that she is concerned about the donation towards the coffee morning being made into a personal account. She suggested that the payment is either made to the Village Hall or to the personal account of the organiser upon presentation of receipts. –

24-04/12

Clerk's report and correspondence

- a) Clerk report.
The Clerk has taken over from the Locum Clerk and is settling in. No further update at present.
- b) Correspondence received.
The Council received a request to install a memorial for the late Anne Bogle who'd been the Village Shop Chair and an active member of the community. The Council agreed that allowing to plant a tree would set a precedent. The Council felt that perhaps a plaque at the shop or a donation towards a memorial would be more appropriate.
The Clerk to refer to the Village Green Policy and draft a letter for the Council's consideration.

- 24-04/13 Institute**
a) Institute windows – update.
The work is scheduled to commence in July. The grant application was accepted and validated on the 10th February. The indicative timeline is 8 weeks. A notification is expected any time soon.
- 24-04/14 Grass cutting contract and LMP**
Cllr Dickin confirmed that the current contractor handed in his notice. A tender needs to be organised as soon as possible. The Clerk to email the template for Cllrs Dickin and Green to revise.
The Clerk circulated the Cornwall Council LMP contract prior to the meeting. **Cllr Stansfield proposed** to sign the contract. **Seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED.** Unanimous. Carried.
- 24-04/15 EV Charging Points**
It was confirmed that the EV charging points can only be installed on public land or land leased from the public estate. It is believed that the village hall was notified by Cornwall Council about the expression of interest.
There were previous reports that the building is in disrepair. However, the former Chair of the village hall confirmed that on further inspection, the roof and the floor were found to be in good, solid condition. Potentially new solar panels were needed. A contribution of £2500 was made by St Breward towards refurbishment of their village hall. It is hoped that the village hall representative will attend the grant funding workshop.
- 24-04/16 CALC membership**
The invoice for the membership renewal was presented to the Council. **Cllr Trevarthen** proposed to continue the membership for the year 2024/25. **Seconded by Cllr Stansfield and RESOLVED.** Unanimous. Carried
- 24-04/17 Communications**
The Council agreed that Jenny Cruise is to send reports to the Clerk.
- 24-04/18 Training and meetings attended**
Cllr Stansfield will be attending the funding workshop next Wednesday.
- 24-04/19 Diary dates:**
The Council agreed to change the meeting date to the fourth Thursday of the month with no meeting being held in August. The next Full Council to be held on 23rd of May 2024
- 24-04/20 Meeting closed at 21:27hrs**

Chair

Stephanie Meads

Date

23rd May 2024